Written Testimony in support of

H.B. 6329

An act concerning Hydraulic Fracturing Waste in Connecticut would permanently ban the disposal, storage, handling and use of this toxic radioactive material in our state.

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Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion about H.B. 6329 to permanently ban the disposal, storage, handling and use of hydraulic fracturing waste in our state.

We are so fortunate to live in a state that possesses a lot of natural beauty – rivers, lakes, ponds, ocean front, wetlands, farmlands and forests, to name a few. The economy of the state relies on these natural resources whether its farmers, home owners, business owners, tourists.

The best laid plans for disposal, storage and handling do not meet the test of time. Leakage, spillage, accidental trucking accidents have shown to happen in other states like Pennsylvania. Once these accidents occur, there is no remediation for chemical and radioactive contamination of our soil, water and air.

As a tax payer, I do not want to pay for road repair caused by heavy trucks carrying fracturing waste.

As a mother and grandmother, I cherish the environment and want this to be a place that is not only healthy and safe for me and my family but also for all the residents of Connecticut. Tourists come here because they rely on a healthy and safe environment in which to spend their vacation time.

Knowing all the disastrous effects of fossil fuel mining and extraction, this ban may encourage companies to find a safer way to handle these poisonous materials. Perhaps this is the moment to focus time and resources on clean energy that won't pollute our water, land and air.

If we don't take care of our planet, where are we going to live?

Thank you again for allowing me to testify. I urge you to support H.B. 6329 that would permanently ban the disposal, storage, handling and use of toxic radioactive hydraulic fracturing material in our state. Your vote plays a crucial role in protecting the health of our land, air and water for the citizens of Connecticut.

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